

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1145

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate the Montgomery Central High School drill team upon their outstanding participation in the National High School Drill Team Championships.

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Central High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps "Chiefs Guard" Drill Team was selected to participate in the 2004 National High School Drill Team Championships; and

WHEREAS, this annual event is divided into two divisions; the Armed Division, which consists of cadets utilizing demilitarized weapons, and the Unarmed Division, which consists of cadets conducting drill movements without weapons; and

WHEREAS, within the respective divisions, the cadets from Montgomery Central competed in the Regulation Platoon Drill, the Regulation Platoon Inspection, the Regulation Color Guard, and the Team Exhibition Drill; and

WHEREAS, the "Chiefs Guard" cadets distinguished themselves by finishing in first place in the Regulation Platoon Inspection, which was commanded by First Lieutenant Amanda Slusher, second place in the Regulation Platoon Drill, also commanded by First Lieutenant Slusher, fourth place in the Regulation Color Guard, commanded by Captain Alison Provost, and eighth place in the Team Exhibition Drill, commanded by Captain Erica Jackson; the "Chiefs Guard" also captured the Challenge Armed Division National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of this national champion drill team are: Alison Provost, Amanda Slusher, Amber Zarnke, Charlsie Cottrell, Chevelle Clobes, Christina Larsen, Erica Jackson, Jasmin Vaughn, Jessica Emens, Katie Holder, Kayla Bagwell, Kelsey Clegg, Lacey Robinson, Melody Summers, Ramona Leach, Andrew Harris, Chris Tucker, Erich Roney, James Fyke, John Larsen, Jordan Foust, Justin Steward, Mark Rodriguez, and Stephen Harrell; and

WHEREAS, providing valuable instruction and guidance to the team, its instructors and chaperones contributed in no small part to its success; those instructors and chaperones are: First Sergeant (Ret) Larry Lepkowski, Kim Rodriguez, Vanessa Larsen, Joe Larsen, and Debbie Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Central Drill Team is truly an exceptional organization that has made an impressive impact on its school and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the Montgomery Central High School "Chiefs Guard" on its stellar performance at the National High School Drill Team Championships, applaud its multitude of successes at the competition, and offer our hopes for its every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.